

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Cervical cancer most often affects women in the prime of life; and

WHEREAS: Regular cervical cancer screening tests are effective in detecting the disease early when it can be effectively treated; and

WHEREAS: Cervical cancer vaccines are available that - together with screening tests- provide a formidable and effective means of preventing this disease; and

WHEREAS: Increasing awareness among patients and health care providers regarding the best use of these prevention tools is a key component to safeguarding women's health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim January 2017, as

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I encourage all our citizens to recognize that cervical cancer is preventable, and to encourage and support the women in our lives in taking charge of their health and availing themselves of the tests and vaccines that have proven so effective in preventing cervical cancer. We have the means to prevent this disease; it is incumbent on all of us to insure we have the will to do so.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2017.


Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State